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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP NO. 2873

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
AKIHISA HORIUCHI)
Appln. No.: 09/698,115)
Filed: October 30, 2000)
For: ZOOM LENS AND OPTICAL)
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

The present Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.

In response to the final Official Action dated January 31, 2003, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: